

HB7027

Governor's H.B. No. 7027 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR.'

Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Senator Formica, Representative Ziobron, and members of the Appropriations Committee; thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

I'm alarmed at Governor Malloy's attack on Connecticut residents who have, and wish to continue to renew, or choose to get pistol permit for the first time. You understand that in order to purchase rifle, shotgun, handgun, or .22 caliber rim fire ammunition, in this state you need to possess a pistol permit since October 1, 2013. The other option is an ammunition certificate which can be obtained for \$35 after a background check and is good for five (5) years. Is this the next item for a "Fee Increase"? Since it's half the "Permit to carry Pistols & Revolvers" fee what will this be raised to, \$150.00?

This proposed rate hike of over 400% is nothing short of a push to limit permit holders to the wealthy. It is also a continuation of Governor Malloy's vendetta against lawful firearms owners in this state as expressed in his "open mike" comments to the Sandy Hook delegation at the conclusion of his signing of the state's latest "assault weapons" & "high capacity magazine" ban, effective as of April 5, 2013. He can be heard to comment to them that "this is a start...".

I urge that you **OPPOSE** Section 48 (T1854) and Section 58 (T1938) of H.B. 7027 that would support the Governor's proposed pistol permit rate increase. By appropriating the funds received from the rate increases you will be supporting the pistol permit and application fee increases.

If passed this would mean an over 850% fee increase for pistol permit holders over the last five years. Currently, the cost of Connecticut pistol permits is already triple the national average.

As a lifelong Connecticut resident, Viet Nam Era Vet (1968-1972), Selective Service Hartford Board Member (15 years' service) & permit holder, I urge that you **do not support** any more attacks on the law-abiding gun owners of this state.

Thank you for your consideration.
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